



Sept. 28, 2017

Weekly newsletter of
Barrington Congregational
Church United Church of
Christ

Calendar

Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Thurs, Sep 28

3 – 5 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot in Warren

Fri, Sept 29

9 am – 8:30 pm Listening Sessions with the Consultant, Library

Sat, Sep 30

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11:45 am – 2 pm JYG and 7th & 8th Graders visit Pow Wow in Providence

Sun, Oct 1 *World Communion Sunday.*

Neighbors in Need Offering

10 am Worship Service with Communion, Church School

After church school Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsal, Room 6

11:30 - 4 pm Listening Sessions with the Consultant, Library

6 – 8 pm Mission Trip Orientation and Senior Youth Group (with parents), Room 9

Mon, Oct 2

11 am Bereavement Group, Library

Tues, Oct 3

11 am Staff meeting, Dale's Office

7 – 9 pm Knitting for Others, Library

Wed, Oct 4

7 pm Deacons Meeting, Library

7:30 - 9 pm Choir rehearsal, Vestry

Thurs, Oct 5

1:30 – 3 pm Women's Faith Group, Library

4 - 6 pm Brendan's Community Office Hours, The Coffee Depot (*note different time*)

6 – 7:30 pm NAMI Family Support Group, Room 6

7 pm Embracing an Adult Faith, Library

Sat, Oct 7

10:30 am – 1 pm Barrington Healthcare Forum, Fellowship Hall

Sun, Oct 8 Stewardship Sunday (Tithing Your Treasure)
10 am Worship Service for All Ages, Nursery Care only

For the complete church calendar visit <http://bccucc.view-events.com>

Send calendar information to office@bccucc.org

The weekly deadline for information to be included in the eBridge and Sunday Announcements is Wednesdays at Noon. Send info to office@bccucc.org

Forward the eBridge to a friend and invite them to [join our email list](#)

Please note that some email platforms will only show the first part of the eBridge, and you will need to open it up in a browser to see the full content. The problem is that there's just so much happening at church that the eBridge gets quite long!

Just some of the new articles in this week's eBridge.....

New Consecration Sunday is coming 10/15

Loaves and Fishes Truck Run [More info](#)

Screening of 'What the Health' [Flier](#)

Neighbors in Need offering

Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsals

Photo updates

Altar Flower donor(s) needed

Sorry but it's not possible to include a link to the articles - you have to scroll down to find them.

Thursday - Saturday

Our consultant is arriving. Have you signed up to meet with him?

As part of our Church Renewal process, there will be listening sessions with our consultant on **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 29th, 20th & October 1st**. These sessions are a chance for you to talk about your experiences in Barrington and at BCCUCC. It is an opportunity to talk about your hopes and dreams for the church along with what you think our challenges are. Bill wants to hear from as many people in the church as possible, so please sign up to participate in either a small group or an individual/couple session. [Sign up here](#). [Learn more](#) about the Church Renewal process at BCCUCC.

**Dr. William
"Bill" McKinney
Senior
Consultant**



Youth visit to Narragansett Pow Wow

The JYG trip to the 8th Annual Native American Big Drum Pow Wow at Roger Williams National Park in Providence, RI is this **Saturday September 30th**. The JYG (including the 7th & 8th grade class who have been learning about Native American spiritual traditions as part

of their church school class on world religions) will gather in the BCC parking lot at 11:45 am to arrive at the Pow Wow by 12 pm. Participants are asked to bring lunch/snack money. They will return to the church by 2 pm. Contact Rev. Brendan Curran to RSVP, or if you have any questions. (401-318-2447) brendan@bccucc.org



This Sunday

World Communion Sunday

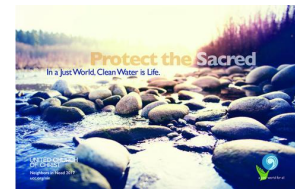
It's going to be another busy Sunday! It's World Communion Sunday and our service will include communion as is customary on the first Sunday of the month. Our Stewardship program continues and will encourage people towards proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

The program culminates with a church-wide brunch on Sunday, October 15th after worship, hosted by the Stewardship team. RSVP cards for the brunch will be handed out during worship this Sunday and next. We hope you can join us.



Neighbors in Need Offering

The UCC's Neighbors in Need (NIN) Offering will be taken this Sunday during worship (or can be sent to the office). NIN supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. 2/3 of the offering is used to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. 1/3 of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). More info can be found at www.ucc.org/nin. Checks should be made payable to 'BCCUCC' and mark the memo line 'NIN'. Thank you.



Final Listening Sessions with our Consultant

The final listening sessions with our consultant will take place **this Sunday, October 1st**. [Sign up here](#).

If you didn't sign up, you're welcome to attend a group session being held from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Library.

[Learn more](#) about the Church Renewal process at BCCUCC.



Sing and Celebrate Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals begin **this Sunday, October 1st** after church school in Room 6. Boys and girls in Grades 1 and older are invited to join the choir. They'll be learning a fun and easy song to be sung in worship after a few rehearsals.

Questions? Contact Kate Colby kcolby@fullchannel.net or our organist/choir director Marina Zabinksi marina@bccucc.org Future rehearsals scheduled for 10/15 and 10/22.



Church School Offering

For the past 5 years the church school offering has been helping support the education of a Tibetan refugee girl, Rinchen Lhamu, who lives at the Tibetan Refugee School in Kalimpong, India. The children's offering is collected in the classroom when there is

church school, or can be put in the offering plate on Sunday's when there is no church school. Special, pre-dated, children's offering books are available for each child after they have been registered for the 2017-2018 church school year. Please help your child remember their offering and to use the special envelopes. [Read more about Rinchen](#)

Celebrate the RI State Council of Churches' 80th Anniversary

"A Celebration of Word and Song of the 80 Year Journey of the RI State Council of Churches" is **this Sunday, October 1st** at 4 pm at Central Congregational Church in Providence. All are welcome to this free celebration but please register. [More info and registration](#)

2018 Mission Trip /Service Project Orientation & Senior Youth Group

The deadline to sign up for the 2018 Service Project with the Black Mesa Water Coalition of the Navajo Nation in Pinon, Arizona is *this Sunday October 1st*. Dates for the trip are June 24th - July 1st, 2018.

The Senior Youth Group (SYG) will meet **Sunday October 1st** from 6-8 pm in the library. **This SYG meeting will also serve as an orientation for the 2018 mission trip/service project.** All who wish to participate are asked to attend. There will be refreshments!

Youth are especially invited to come on the mission trip and are given priority but *all who are interested in joining our youth in service are welcome*. If you want to join this trip please contact Rev. Brendan Curran to RSVP or to ask any questions you may have (401-318-2447.) brendan@bccucc.org



Next Week

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group will meet again on **Monday, October 2nd** at 11 a.m in the library. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. For more info contact the facilitator Betsy Brenner at jsbeeb@aol.com or 245-8031.

Knitting for Others Group

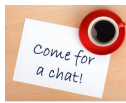
The group is starting up again after their summer hiatus and will meet **Tuesday, October 3rd** from 7 – 9 pm in the church library. The group makes a variety of different items to be given away (prayer shawls, premie hats, etc) and can provide patterns and help for newcomers. For this first meeting please bring any projects you're working on, any ideas for future projects, and we can also check out the yarn available in the cupboards. All knitters/crocheters are welcome, especially new faces! For more info contact Mary Lou Slicker (245-0085 rislick@fullchannel.net).



Women's Faith Group

The BCC Women of Faith reading group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 1:30–3 pm in the church library beginning **Thursday, October 5th**. Bring book suggestions. We welcome women from BCCUCC as well as other churches and faith traditions. We share our faith journeys through stories of our own experiences and the stories found on the pages of the fiction and nonfiction we read. For information contact Jane Tonn at 289-2349 or jtonn2@cox.net

Community Office Hours with Brendan - time change on Oct 5th



On **Thursday October 5th**, they will be at the slightly later time of **4 - 6 pm** at **The Coffee Depot**, 501 Main Street, Warren, for this week only. Anyone from the church or community is welcome to stop by for a visit in this more informal setting.

NAMI Family Support Group

NAMI RI (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*) holds a monthly support group for family members of people with mental illness. Open to anyone in the community the next meeting is **Thursday, October 5th** from 6 – 7:30 pm in Room 6. For more info Contact Cindy Elder at 331-3060 or cindy.elder@namirhodeisland.org

'Embracing an Adult Faith' - adult education series begins

Rev. Dale Azevedo invites everyone to join him for a fall adult education program entitled "Embracing an Adult Faith" - an exciting, five-session, adult-formation resource for those seeking a richer understanding of the issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. *Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith?* The sessions are held Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the Library and run from **Thursday, October 5th - November 2nd**. Each class will run an hour and half and be largely discussion based responding to short videos led by Marcus Borg. **Please RSVP to Dale or the church office a.s.a.p.** if you are interested in participating so we can make sure we have enough resources.

Come to Barrington Health Alliance's Community Healthcare Forum!

Our Mission and Justice Team will be hosting Barrington Health Alliance's first "Community Healthcare Forum" on **Saturday, October 7th** from 10:30 am - 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. The Forum will feature a lecture and discussion on "Healthcare Economics 101" with Dr. Michael Fine. The lecture will be followed by a panel about "Multi-Disciplinary Community Health Teams," and a discussion about how a community develops a Neighborhood Health Station. Are you a healthcare professional/worker? Do you care about the quality of healthcare for you and your loved ones? Do you view caring for the sick as a duty of Christian discipleship? Come and join the Forum. Your presence will make a difference in this important discussion. [See flier](#)

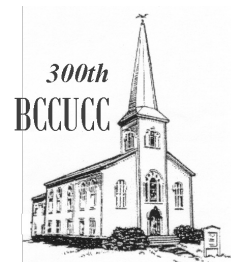
Coming Soon

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300th Anniversary Display - display items needed

On **Sunday, October 22nd** from 11 am – 1 pm in Fellowship Hall, the Historical Group would like to put on a display of art/ photos/ paintings/ sculptures/ plates/ etc that depict Barrington Congregational Church. If you have any you'd like to be included, please bring them that morning and drop them off in Fellowship Hall before the service. There will be tables there for you to put the items on. *Please have your name and phone number on them.* Items from the archives will also be on display including photos, bibles and ledgers. If you have items but are unable to be in church that day, contact Tom Wegner at 383-0999 or tom.wegner@liladelman.com to arrange to drop



them off ahead of time. At the end of the event, please pick up your item, or make arrangements with Tom to do so later.

Screening of 'What the Health' - a Mission Trip Fundraiser

This year's service learning trip with the Navajo Nation is hosting a movie night as a fundraiser! A group from our church is going to the Navajo Nation in Pinon, Arizona to learn about their food sovereignty project and plant edible landscapes to help provide food security on the reservation. The Senior Youth Group, in partnership with church member Judy Harff, and Powered By Plants RI, will be screening a food/health/wellness themed documentary called "What The Health," on **Sunday, October 22nd** from 6-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. A \$5-10 donation is suggested and proceeds will support the service project. Refreshments will be provided. [More info](#)



Celebrate the church's 300th Anniversary

On **Sunday, November 12th** we will celebrate our church's 300th Anniversary with a special worship service and a Gala Jazz Brunch from Noon - 3 pm at the Barrington Yacht Club. Brunch reservations will be taken beginning October 10th in the church office and payment must accompany the reservation. Seating will be limited.

Please note that this is different from the Consecration Sunday Brunch being held in Fellowship Hall on 10/15 that the congregation is invited to attend at no charge.

Opportunities to help

Altar Flower Donors needed

Would you like to pay for one or both vases of altar flowers on October 15th? Each week they are paid for by donors and a dedication of their choice is included in the bulletin. Flowers can be given in memory, celebration or thanksgiving of a person/event. If you'd like to pay for one or both vases **on October 15th**, please contact Liz Rosenholm at lizzozier@cox.net



Ushers needed

Additional volunteers are needed to be ushers for the Sunday morning service. Volunteers will receive training and are only scheduled to serve once every 4 weeks from Sept - Jan. If interested, contact Bethia Rosner at 383-5538.



Help Needed with Loaves and Fishes Truck Run

On **Thursday, October 26th** volunteers from BCCUCC will be taking the Loaves and Fishes RI truck to Emmanuel House and Crossroads in Providence to serve the men and women there seeking nourishment, for body, mind and soul. Volunteers are needed to help with prep (from 4:30 pm) as well as to go out on the truck a little later. Donations of food and clothing items are also needed. [Click on this link](#) to take you to the SignUpGenius where you can read more about what is needed and to sign up to help or donate.

If you can't sign up online and want to help, or just have questions, please contact Liz White at 401-245-0285 or lizzyw2@aol.com, or Jay or Phyllis Buckley at 401-245-1098 or pbuckley6@cox.net.

Please drop off your donations in the kitchen under the sign "Donations for Loaves and Fishes" by *Wednesday, October 25th*. Thank you.



Church School volunteers needed

It really does 'take a village' to nurture Christian faith in children and young people. We hope and expect that parents, caregivers, and other interested adults in the church community will offer their time and talents throughout the program year. We need 10 volunteers every Sunday to make Church School happen! We will provide you with the information and resources that you'll need to enjoy the experience and grow in faith.

If you did not fill out a volunteer application form last year you will need to fill one out this year. [Download it here.](#)

For more information or to volunteer please contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard at (401) 246-0111 ext. 107 or andrea@bccucc.org.



Ongoing Collections

We're still collecting **diapers in sizes 4 & 5** for the little boys of the two refugee families supported by Sts Matthew and Mark Episcopal Church. There's a collection bin in the back of Fellowship Hall.

There are bins in the narthex on the way up to the sanctuary for the collection of **canned and dried goods** for TAPIN. [Check their website](#) for a list of current needs.

There's a box on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall for the collection of **Bibles** for Riverside Congregational Church's outreach ministry to those in need. They hold a breakfast every week followed by a Bible Study, and give away many Bibles.

Thank You to.....

...**Bluewater Bar and Grill** for providing at no charge a delicious meal for Elizabeth von Trapp and her husband last Sunday. Check them out [Bluewater Grill](#)

.....**Tom Wegner** for all of his work behind the scenes that made the concert possible, and to all of the volunteers who helped out with everything both before and on concert day including ushering and providing some delicious refreshments.



Photo Updates

The Riverwalk Access Walkway is looking good!



They made it to the summit!



An energetic group of youth and adults from the church had a great day hiking Mount Monadnock last Saturday.

'From the River's Edge' - The Pastors' Blog



If you missed reading any posts you can find them all on the church website [at this link](#). There are also links to the most recent ones from the homepage of our church website www.bccucc.org

Please note....

2017-2018 Calendar is available for viewing

The church calendar is kept up to date and you can find it at <http://bccucc.view-events.com> If you have any meetings or activities planned, please send them to

office@bccucc.org so that they can be added to the calendar. Also please notify the office or any errors or changes. Thank you.

Sermons available on line

If you miss church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can do so at the following link [Sermon Archive](#).



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